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SUBJ: BANZER STATE VISIT

1. UNDER-SECRETARY FOREIGN MINISTRY (CESPEDES) CALLED IN CHARGE EVENING OF AUGUST 30 TO DISCUSS THREE MATTERS RELATING TO BANZER STATE VISIT MENTIONED IN LETTER BANZER HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM AMB VALENCIA, AS FOLLOWS:

A. AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PARTY LA PAZ- MIAMI OR NEW YOR.. CESPEDES SAID THAT PRESENT BRANIFF SCHEDULES WOULD NOT MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DEPART LA PAZ IN ORDER TO ARRIVE EITHER MIAMI OR NEW YORK AT A TIME ON OCT 15 WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR A FAIRLY FULL DAY OF REST AT WILLIAMSBURG. CESPEDES STUDYING OTHER ALTERNATIVES BUT SEES A PROBLEM IN ARRIVING IN THE US AT EITHER POINT OF ENTRY BETWEEN MID-MORNING AND MIDAFTERNOON ON OCTOBER 15. IN ANY EVENT, PRESIDENT BANZER DISPOSED TO DECLINE DINNER INVITATION BY MAYOR OF WILLIAMSBURG FOR EVENING OCT 15 ON GROUNDS THAT HE WOULD PREFER NO FORMAL SOCIAL ACTIVITY UNTIL SCHEDULED EVENTS IN WASHINGTON. LATER IN EVENING PROTOCOL CHIEF SAID HE FAVORED CANCELING WILLIAMSBURG GIVEN AIRLINE SCHEDULE PROBLEM. CENPEDES ONCE AGAIN MADE STRONG PLEA FOR USG AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT PRESIDENTIAL PARTY FROM LA PAZ TO CONUS. CHARGE SAID THIS REQUEST HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON AND FOUND NOT POSSIBLE TO GRANT.

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2. PRESIDENT BANZER'S REQUEST THAT LT. COL. WILLIAM CRENSHAW,

FORMERLY ARMA LA PAZ, BE DETAILED AS BANZER AIDE. AMB VALENCIA'S LETTER INDICATED THAT DEPT SOMEWHAT DISINCLINED TO ACCEDE TO THIS REQUEST, APPARENTLY ON GROUNDS THAT DETAILING US MILITARY OFFICERS TO FOREIGN CHIEFS OF STATE NOT A PART OF OUR PROTOCOL. VALENCIA REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER HE SHOULD INSIST ON THIS POINT AND ACCORDING TO CESPEDES, MARGINAL NOTE IN LETTER ("SI") WAS BANZER'S. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS GOB REQUEST A MODEST ONE AND WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPT AGREE TO LTC CRENSHAW'S (NOW ASSIGNED DOD) BEING SO DETAILED. BOLIVIAN PRACTICE PROVIDES FOR DETAILING BOLIVIAN MILITARY OFFICERS TO FOREIGN VIPS AND WE HOPE THAT CRENSHAW CAN BE SPARED FOR THIS DUTY.

3. NATIONAL PRESS CLUB INVITATION FOR LUNCHEON OCT 17. BANZER ACCEPTS INVITATION EXTENDED BY PRESIDENT, NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, TO ADDRESS CLUB AT LUNCHEON OCT 17. BREWIN

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